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Habitability and Life on Earth

Defining the conditions for, and the role of, life in the marine realm

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The Oceanic Life Cycle of Tectonic Plates

Investigating the genesis, aging, motion, and destruction of oceanic lithosphere

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Earth's Climate System

Examining variations in ice sheets, ocean and atmosphere dynamics, and sea level

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Feedbacks in the Earth System

Constraining the processes that regulate or destabilize the Earth system

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Tipping Points in Earth's History

Using Earth's geologic past to illuminate future environmental change

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Global Cycles of Energy and Matter

Determining the role, mechanisms, and magnitudes of Earth system cycles

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Natural Hazards Impacting Society

Understanding natural hazards in the marine environment

